the 2nd September 1921, that "Government find it difficult to attribute such unruly and lawless conduct to this cause (enhancement of school-fees) and wonder whether the pupils are not being deliberately misled and used by mischief-makers for their own purposes", will the Government be pleased to state whether they have instituted any enquiry into what they suspect to be the real cause of the students' strike and whether they have made any attempt to trace the "mischief-makers" and their object? If so, will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the investigation held by them and the result thereof?

Has any action been taken by Government against the said "mischief-makers"?

(*b*) In view of the importance of the question and to prevent the recurrence of such events in the future, do the Government propose to appoint a committee of enquiry to carefully investigate the origin and causes of the students' strike and the events that followed therefrom?

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

7. A.—(*a*) The inference referred to in the question was based upon information before Government. Whether any further action is to be taken is a matter upon which Government are unable to make any statement at present.

(*b*) The member is referred to the answer to question 8 (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*).

Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai.

8. Q.—(*a*) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the discrepancies between the non-official statement published by Mr. A. Narayana Pillai and five other citizens of Trivandrum on the 24th September 1921 and the Government Press Communiqué dated the 24th September 1921 regarding the incidents that took place in the Arts College compound and its vicinity on the 5th Kanni 1097?

(*b*) Has the attention of Government been drawn to the representations made by the public and the press both in and outside Travancore urging the necessity of appointing an impartial committee of officials and non-officials to institute an enquiry into the matter above referred to?

(*c*) Do the Government propose to appoint such a committee? If not, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for their decision?

(*d*) Has the District Magistrate of Trivandrum submitted any report to Government regarding the incidents that took place in the College compound on the 5th Kanni 1097, and, if so, was it received before the Press Communiqué of the 24th September was issued by Government? Will the Government be pleased to place the above-said report on the table?

(*e*) In case Government do not propose to appoint a committee of enquiry, will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points with reference to their Press Communiqué dated the 24th September:—

(i) What are the records on the basis of which the above-said communiqué was prepared? Are they such as can be placed before the Council? If so, will they kindly place the same on the table?

(ii) Have the Government conducted any independent investigation into the method adopted by the Police to disperse the crowd and have they enquired whether the Police have been guilty of any excesses? If so, will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the investigation and the result thereof? Will the Government kindly place the papers relating to the subject on the table?

(iii) Is it a fact that most of the Policemen who entered the College compound on the said date to disperse the crowd did not wear their numbers on their turbans? If so, will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken in regard to that matter?

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

8. A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) In view of the circumstance that certain incidents connected with or arising out of the strike are *sub judice*, Government regret that they are unable to make any statement beyond saying that the Government Press Communiqué of the 24th September 1921 was based *inter alia* on the report and the representations of the District Magistrate and was revised by him before issue.

Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai.

9. Q.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing—

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